



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Angelman Syndrome (AS) is a rare, genetic neurological disorder affecting one in every fifteen to twenty thousand individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Those with AS are challenged with developmental delays, minimal to no verbal communication, hindered mobility, sleep disorders, feeding disorders, and life-threatening seizures; and
- WHEREAS: Angelman Syndrome affects all races and both genders equally; and
- WHEREAS: Children and adults with AS require life-long care, intense therapies to help develop functional skills and improve their quality of life, and close medical supervision often involving multiple medical interventions; and
- WHEREAS: Despite these challenges, people with Angelman Syndrome typically portray happy and excitable personalities, characterized by frequent laughing, smiling, and hugging; and
- WHEREAS: This date was chosen by global Angelman organizations to coincide with International Rare Disease Month, which is recognized worldwide annually in February; and
- WHEREAS: The 15th day in February is selected to correlate with the 15th human chromosome which Angelman Syndrome affects; and
- WHEREAS: The purpose of this day is to raise awareness of AS and remember those who we have lost to Angelman Syndrome; and
- WHEREAS: The Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST) is an all-volunteer organization of families and professionals dedicated to curing Angelman Syndrome and helping individuals with the syndrome realize their full potential and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 15, 2017, as:

ANGELMAN DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 13th day of February.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR